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SUBJ :ANC SETS CONDITIONS FOR RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT TALKS

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1. IN STATEMENT FOLLOWING JAN 12 SALISBURY MEETING,AFRICAN
NATIONAL COUNCIL(ANC) CENTRAL COMMITTEE LISTED CONDITIONS
FOR PARTICIPATION IN SETTLEMENT TALKS. ANC ALSO CHARGED
RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT 'MISINFORMED'PUBLIC ON DECEMBER LUSAKA
UNDERTAKINGS.

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2. ACCORDING TO REPORT ON JAN 13 CAPE TIMES, ANC ANNOUNCED IT WILL ATTEND CONSTITUTION CONFERENCE IF CALLED BY UK. CHAIRED BY BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND HELD OUTSIDE RHODESIA. PREREQUISITE IS THAT RHODESIAN GOVT CARRY OUT WHAT IT PROMISED UNDER LUSAKA AGREEMENT.

3. ANC STATEMENT SAID GOVT HAD PARTIALLY FULFILLED ONLY ONE OF EIGHT UNDERTAKINGS AGREED ON IN LUSAKA, IN THAT IT HAD RELEASED LESS THAN THIRD OF DETAINEES. AMONG UNFULFILLED PLEDGES LISTED BY ANC WERE LIFTING OF BANS ON ZANU AND ZAPU. HALTING OF POLITICAL TRIALS, AND TERMINATING STATE OF EMERGENCY.

4. ANC SAID IT HAD AGREED TO CEASEFIRE WHICH WOULD BECOME FORMAL ONLY AFTER DATE SET FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND START OF 'MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS.) ANC ALLEGED GOVT HAD DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS IN GUERRILLA AREAS WHICH CALLED ON GUERRILLAS TO SURRENDER RATHER THAN ONLY OBSERVE CEASE-FIRE. STATEMENT SAID, 'GOVERNMENT IS ORDERING FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO SURRENDER AND BE PLACED IN CUSTODY OF THEIR FORCES.' AND THAT THIS WAS 'DISTORTION OF MEANING OF CEASEFIRE.'

5. RHODESIAN SITUATION FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ANOTHER SOUTH AFRICAN POLICEMAN WAS KILLED, AND FIVE OTHER WOUNDED, IN CLASH WITH GUERRILLAS JAN 11. NO DETAILS OF INCIDENT HAVE BEEN GIVEN. SEVEN SA POLICEMEN HAVE DIED IN RHODESIAN SINCE CEASEFIRE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 11.

6. COMMENT: HARDENING ATTITUDES ON BOTH SIDES (REFTTEL). AND CONTINUED GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF MOVEMENT TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ANC CONDITIONS FOR TALKS ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT TALKS SHOULD INVOLVE RHODESIANS ONLY, BE CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER SMITH, AND BE HELD IN RHODESIA. AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AND GOVT APPEAR TO BE MOVING FURTHER APART, RATHER THAN APPROACHING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE POSITION FROM WHICH SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEGIN.

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